

THE SLAUGHT HOUSE

1927

When my father, Eugene Elmer Slaight, was having this house built. When they were digging for the basement, they discovered an old foundation and learned that it was the foundation of the home of Captain Nicholas Martiau. October 19, 1931, General Pershing dedicated a monument in front of our house that gives pertinent information about Captain Martiau. My mother and father had their pictures taken with General Pershing -- one of the proudest moment of their lives.

The one-story section of the house, two bedrooms and a back porch, were added later, as was a little cottage in the back yard which was rented out from time to time. The cistern was constructed when the main house was built to catch and store rain water. The little room in back of the main hall on the first floor was used as Mamma's sewing room. Later, it was Daddy's bedroom when he became an invalid.

Now, a little something about Nicholas Martiau. He was a French Huguenot who became a naturalised British citizen. He was born in France in 1591 and came to these shores to build forts in 1620. He became a member of the House of Burgesses one year after arriving in the colony. He married Jane Berkeley, the widow of Lt. Edward Berkeley who was killed in the Indian massacre of 1622. He was the first patentee of land, having been granted 1600 acres of land by Governor Francis Wyatt on May 20, 1635. He was the great, great, great grandfather of George Washington. (Washington never had any children.)

Yorktown wasn't established until 1691 when Benjamin Read, the grandson of Martiau, for 10,000 lbs. of tobacco, sold 50 acres of land that he had inherited to the Crown as the

site for a port. These 50 acres were made into 85 lots of $\frac{1}{2}$ acre each. At this time, it was thought that the land down the hill was of no value. In 1738, an act was passed to purchase five acres down the hill from heirs of Benjamin Read.

Helen Slaight Myers

January 30, 2000

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RE: Application for Antique Shop at 114 Ballard Street

Dear Mr. King:

Thank you for arranging and conducting our preliminary meeting on January 28, 2000 on the above subject.

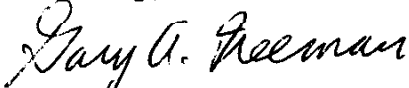
Included in this letter are the three items requested of me at the meeting:

- (1) interior floor plans (attached)
- (2) hours of operation
- (3) signage plan/design (attached)

FX1, my wife and I will run the shop five (5) days a week (Wednesday through Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Sunday which opens at noon.

Should you have any other questions please contact me. Otherwise, I understand you will start the review/approval process. We look forward to hearing from you.

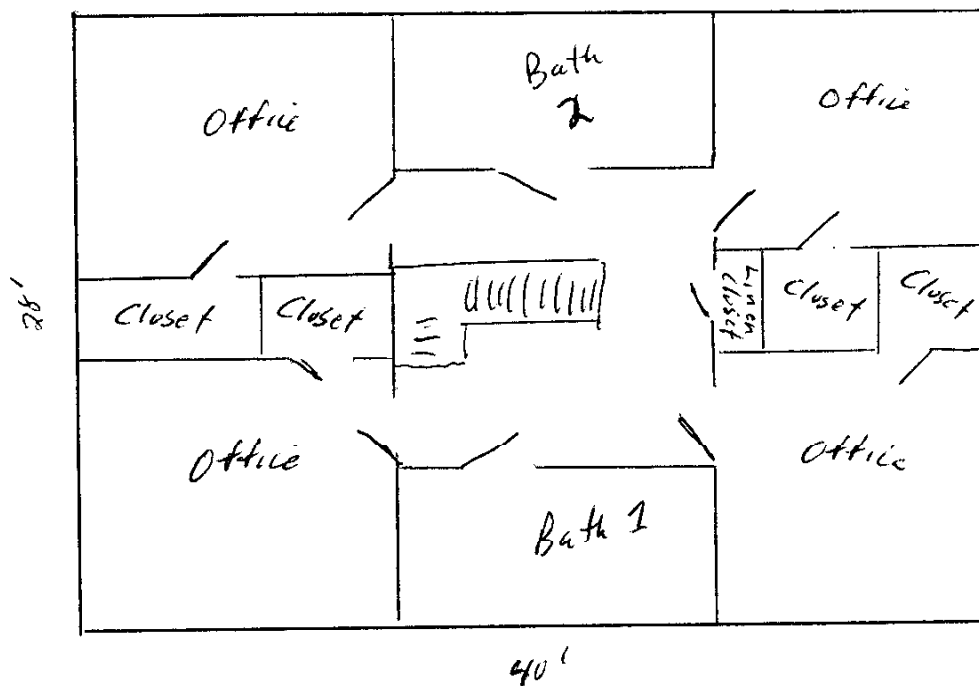
Sincerely,


Gary A. Freeman

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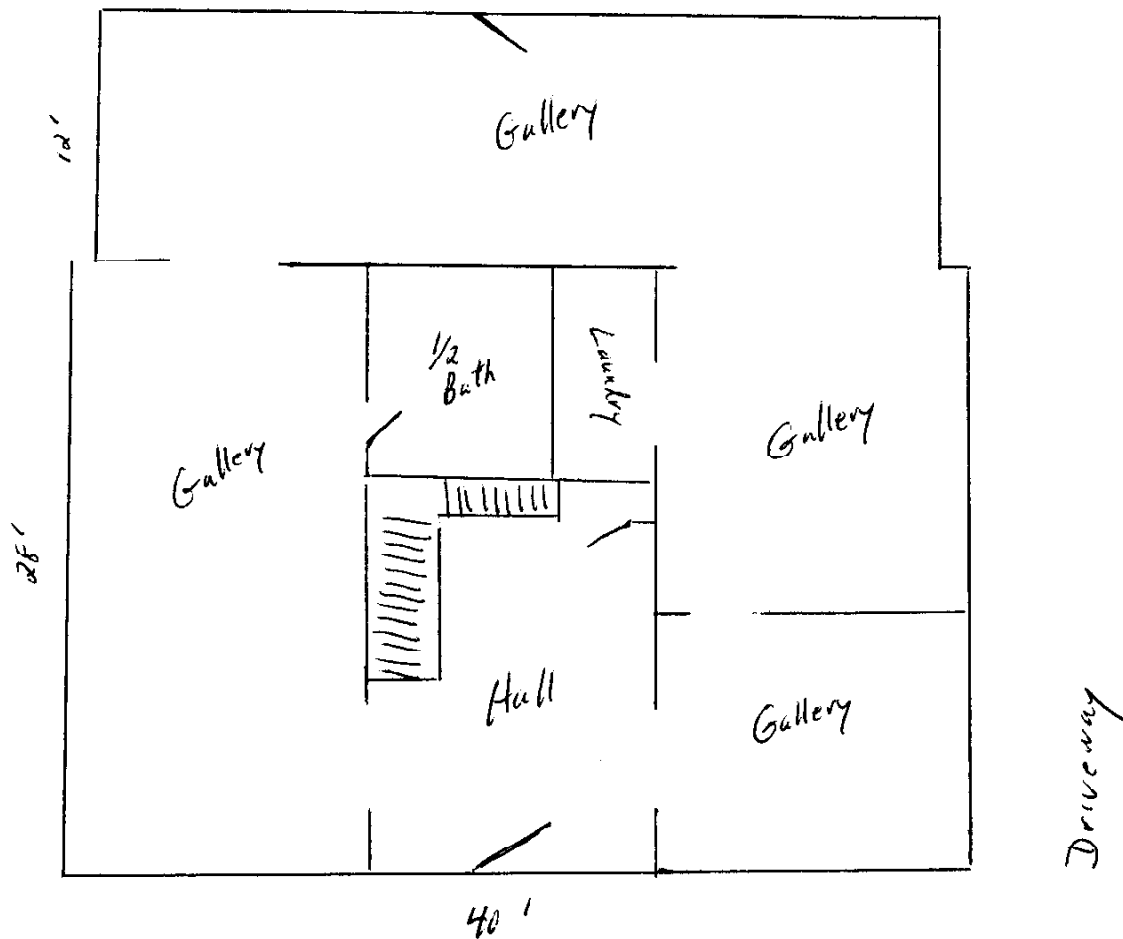
Second Floor



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First Floor

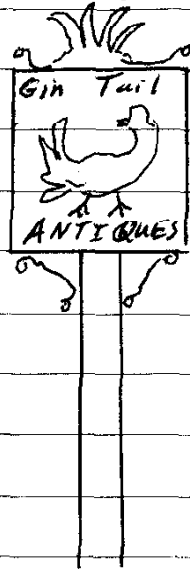


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Signage Plan

Sign 1 will be pole mounted on Ballard Street behind retaining wall next to steps. Sign will be approx. 2' x 3' and about 6' x 7' high



Sign 2 will be hung from existing pole over front door. Sign will be approx. 10" high and 28" long.

